Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Was any inquiry made in Chalakkudi and the suburban villages as to the necessity of a Veterinary Hospital there at the time when the Hospital was opened at Irinjalakkuda?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Was any inquiry made subsequent to the opening of a Hospital at Irinjalakkuda?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Subsequently there were representations.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—You say there is no necessity. I want to know whether any local inquiry has been made in the Chalakkudi and suburban villages with regard to the location of a Veterinary Hospital in their midst subsequent to the location of a Hospital at Irinjalakkuda?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Representations were received and it was thought that the Hospital at Irinjalakkuda would serve the purpose of the Taluk.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—How many representations were made?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I cannot say.

Chalakkudi Anchal Office.

56. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Anchal Office at Chalakkudi is at present located in a place where a member of the Depressed Classes cannot go and drop a letter himself into the anchal box kept in the office;

(2) if the answer is in the affirmative, what are the reasons for objecting a member of the Depressed Classes from going to that locality;

(3) if the answer to sub-division (1) is in the affirmative, whether they have any objection to locate the Anchal Office in a more suitable place where everyone may go without any caste prejudices?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) There is no order prohibiting the Depressed Classes from approaching the Anchal Office to transact business.

(2) and (3). No answer is necessary in view of the reply given to (1).

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know whether, as a practice, members of the Depressed Classes are allowed to go to the Anchal Office at Chalakkudi?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They are not disallowed to go there.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—As a practice are they allowed to approach the Anchal Office?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—So far as the Government is aware, they are allowed to approach the Anchal Office.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know, with regard to the procession conducted in honour of the 70th Birthday of His Highness the Maharaja, whether there was a procession of the members of the Depressed Classes which was not allowed to pass that way?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not know if this arises from the question here.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—You say that they are allowed to go by that way. As a matter of fact, I know that they were not allowed when the procession was going that way. May I know whether the Government is aware of that?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not know if this is a supplementary question.

President.—The road is prohibited to the Depressed Classes, and as an instance he brings this. Government is not aware of any instance where they were prohibited.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—It was a procession conducted by the Government. I want to know whether the Government is aware of it.

President.—Government is not aware.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—In that case I may be allowed to bring to your notice that that procession was not allowed to go by the Anchal Office. I think the Director of Public Instruction will be able to say that.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I am not in a position to say.

President.—I think the Government have not received any complaints on the subject.

In all the discussions about prohibited roads this particular road was never brought to the notice of the Council.

Foreigners in Mental Hospital.

57. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of foreigners in the Mental Hospital at Trichur;

(b) the monthly cost at which they are maintained there?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) (i) Travancoreans 2

(ii) British Indians 3

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(b) Rs. 18 per head per month.

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